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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In the New York and Philadelphia, prices were 1 cent higher for medium. All other prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were planned for next week. Supplies were adequate to available, with mediums in the best position. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate for current schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher on mediums. Prices were unchanged on the balance of sizes, in Boston, and in New England. The market tone was usually steady. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade requirements. Breaking stock demand was moderate for sufficient offerings. Light type fowl were at least adequate for the generally fair demand. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal to instances heavy.

NEW YORK Prices were 1 cent higher on medium, unchanged on balance. The market tone was fully steady on medium, however larger sizes remained steady. Retail demand was mostly fair to moderate entering the weekend.

MIDWEST Prices ended the week unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to at times fully steady. Retail demand was light to usually moderate where featured. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings of heavy nest runs were light with heavy graded product continuing to be souced into breaking operations. Demand was moderate and most breakers were accepting all loads of shell eggs offered from regular sources. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks adequate to mostly fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, best where limited features are planned or in progress. Supplies generally available.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. The market tone was usually steady. Asking prices for the upcoming week were trending higher on mediums but were ranging mostly unchanged on the balance. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies of medium were adequate to close while the larger sizes remained available for full trade needs. Breaking stock demand was moderate for sufficient supplies. Breaking schedules were about normal to normal. Light type hens were at least adequate for the fair demand.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices throughout the region unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings in good balance.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	91-93	80-82	68-70
New York	54-58	52-56	48-52
Philadelphia	52-57	51-55	46-50
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	44-49.5	42-45.5	36-39
Jackson (1)	61-63	60-62	46-48
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	53-63	50-60	45-55
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	45-49	43-47	38-42
Detroit (2)	41-46	40-45	38-42
Major Ohio Cities (2)	43-47	42-45	36-40
Major Wisconsin Cities	44-51	43-49	38-43
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	63-73	60-68	55-64
Southern California (Grade AA)(4)	65-73	63-68	58-62
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	81	76	71

(1) - Prices reported weekly

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(3) - Reported Invoice prices

(4) - Prices to Retailers

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings in good balance. Some Southern California producers reported planning to raise farm prices 2 cents beginning next Monday. Small benchmark price 51. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 97, buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- jumbc dozen 88, extra large dozen 69, large dozen 99.

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	84
EXTRA LARGE	81
LARGE	76
MEDIUM	71

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	67-76
EXTRA LARGE	65-73
LARGE	63-68
MEDIUM	58-62

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	239-299
EXTRA LARGE	229-279
LARGE	199-229
MEDIUM	179-199

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings of heavy nest runs were light with heavy graded product continuing to be sourced into breaking operations. Demand was moderate and most breakers were accepting all loads of shell eggs offered from regular sources. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks adequate to mostly fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	26-28	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	10-15	11-15
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged when compared to early week's trading. The market tone was steady. Buyers were unaggressive for a moderate demand. Supplies were sufficient for about normal to normal breaking schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending April 13, 2002 were 6 percent higher than the previous week and 8 percent more than the same week last year.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	26-30	27-29
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-18	13-18
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -W/E -13-Apr-02 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,234,974	28,555	12,001	7,092	3,025	4,293
PW	1,213,905	28,637	12,093	6,419	2,478	4,329
LY	1,088,469	25,331	10,718	5,732	1,892	3,896
% CHG PW	2	0	-1	10	22	-1
% CHG LY	13	13	12	24	60	10
2002	16,936,062	390,442	168,631	90,436	39,832	61,305
2001	16,314,153	371,416	165,146	89,524	34,695	59,365
% CHG YTD	4	5	2	1	15	3

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.06	42.41	41.96
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.58	38.84	38.39

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported at 58 to 60 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 16 cents fob. Trade sentiment continued about steady to steady for whole egg and whites and steady to mostly fully steady for yolk. Early week trading on liquid whole egg was quiet with interest becoming brisk by the week's close. Demand for yolk was fairly good to good and just fair for whites. Offerings were adequate to barely adequate for whole egg and adequate to available for the balance of products. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared with last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 19 April, 2002 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	16	26.75-28	27.09	.46
WHITES	15	10.5-17	11.90	1.28
YOLKS	11	58-60	59.23	.69

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were slightly higher on salted yolks and unchanged on the balance of products when compared to previous week's trading. The market tone was steady to fully steady on yolks, steady to about steady on whole, and steady for whites. Demand slightly improved, but remained mostly light. Offerings were adequate for current trade requirements. Breaking stock supplies were not as available, however continued sufficient for present requirements. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending April 13, 2002 were 1% lower than the previous week, but 7% higher than a year ago.

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	38-45	41-42	49-53
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		62-85
WHITES	22-32	22-25	27-45
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	69-74	71-73	77-82
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	65-71	69-71	73-83
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg and sugared yolk prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher, with salted yolk unchanged to 1 cent lower. Frozen white mostly values were 2 to 3 cents lower. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady for sugared yolk, mostly steady for whole egg and unsettled on whites and salted yolk. Demand was moderate for all frozen products with the exception of salt yolk which was rated as quiet. Offerings were adequate. Floor stocks in balance with needs. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully adequate with prices unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices.

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	41-43	41-42
WHITES	22-32	22-24
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	71-76	71-73
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-69	67-69
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 4/13 was 7% less than the previous week. Frozen demand just fair and freezer stocks adequate.		
WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS) LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)		

	RANGE
WHOLE	48-51
WHITES	28-31
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	77-80
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	73-76

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Mostly prices were unchanged to slightly lower on whole and unchanged on the remainder of items when compared to a week earlier. The market tone was about steady to barely steady on whole, generally steady on yolks, and barely steady on albumen. Interest was slightly improved, however trading continued light. Supplies were adequate to available. USDA has announced the intent to purchase approximately \$10 million in egg products for use in federal feeding and nutrition programs. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending April 13, 2002 were 22% higher than last week and 60% more than the same week last year. The overall total dried egg year to date change was 15% higher than a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.		
WHOLE	1.40-1.65	MOSTLY 1.48-1.55
YOLKS	1.59-1.85	MOSTLY 1.70-1.75
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	1.70-2.20	MOSTLY 1.75-1.85
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.10-1.20	MOSTLY 1.10-1.15

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 12, 2002-APR 18, 2002

CURRENT LOADS 69.50								FUTURE LOADS 49.50								TOTAL LOADS 119.00							
		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	29.50	34.00	28.88	31.56	33.50	33.44	26.00	GNR W 1	32.00	37.50	—	—	—	39.00	3.00	GNR W 1	32.00	37.50	—	—	—	39.00	3.00
GNR W 2	—	32.00	—	—	32.00	28.00	6.50	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	27.00	29.00	2.00	GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR BR 1	42.00	—	—	52.00	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	31.25	34.00	—	38.00	4.00	GL W J	38.00	—	—	—	—	48.00	2.00	GL W J	38.00	—	—	—	—	48.00	2.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	39.00	—	1.00	GL W XL	33.33	35.00	—	—	—	42.12	10.50	GL W XL	33.33	35.00	—	—	—	42.12	10.50
GL W XL	—	38.48	37.36	39.29	34.00	—	29.50	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	42.71	12.75	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	42.71	12.75
GL W LG	—	38.00	34.50	34.59	33.00	35.00	24.25	GL W MD	32.00	—	—	—	36.00	37.74	9.25	GL W MD	32.00	—	—	—	36.00	37.74	9.25
GL W MD	—	37.25	33.65	35.45	29.00	—	10.75	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W SM	23.00	25.00	21.33	22.83	—	—	4.00	NRBS - 42	19.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 42	19.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	23.00	25.00	—	—	.25																
NRBS - 48	—	—	27.00	28.00	30.86	28.39	41.75																
NRBS - 45	—	—	25.50	26.50	—	—	.50																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	23.00	1.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	16.00	18.00	—	16.50	4.50																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was generally fair. Offerings were at least adequate. Processings schedules were normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was clearing. The undertone was steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate to instances good with offerings fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading levels were too few to report negotiations. Demand was moderate for adequate or better offerings of light hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0-0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0 (2)	
(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading		
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT		

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 19-Apr-02 AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	55.63	53.76	48.81
SOUTHERN	52.64	49.78	43.49
MIDWEST	45.71	44.12	39.49
WESTERN	73.06	68.99	63.78
TWELVE METRO AREAS	59.37	56.68	51.63

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were generally unchanged on the lights and heavies when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were becoming more available but continued to clear satisfactorily. Demand ranged light to moderate. The undertone was cautiously steady.

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, W/O FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
22-25 MAJORITY 23-24	31-38 MAJORITY 31-31.5
CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
23.5-27.5 MAJORITY 24-25	32.5-38 MAJORITY 33-34

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 13-Apr-02

(PRELIMINARY)	U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY		
(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,927	1,327	3,254
LAST WEEK	1,982	1,263	3,245
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,651	1,473	3,124
TO-DATE/2002	27,229	19,348	46,577
TO-DATE/2001	28,008	19,605	47,613

(THOUSANDS)	U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA		
(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	253	0	253
LAST WEEK	247	0	247
SAME WEEK YR AGO	316	7	323
TO-DATE/2002	4,947	20	4,967
TO-DATE/2001	7,737	112	7,849

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

(THOUSANDS)	TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA		
(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,180	1,327	3,507
LAST WEEK	2,229	1,263	3,492
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,967	1,480	3,447
TO-DATE/2002	32,176	19,368	51,544
TO-DATE/2001	35,745	19,717	55,462

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Apr 06, 2002	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Liquid	503	190	4,603	2,635
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	7	0	8	22
Total	510	190	4,611	2,657

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Apr 06, 2002	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	75	52	1,413	1,351
Frozen	75	57	1,036	450
Dried	79	20	975	163
Total	229	129	3,424	1,964

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Apr 06, 2002	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	50	0	300	87
Extra Large	60	2,690	2,178	7,086
Large	1,860	2,560	15,777	27,615
Medium	180	150	13,908	11,548
Ungraded	10,740	9,000	15,690	43,088
Misc	30	0	4,744	6,287
Total	12,920	14,400	52,597	95,711

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS). CENTS PER DOZEN

	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	24-27	19-23	7-10

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	72-75	61-64	49-52	25-28

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE. CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
47-57	40-44	38-43	36-39	25-29

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 15-Apr-02	1,501	179,363	78,412
AM 1-Apr-02	1,480	164,226	77,627
CHG	21	15137	785
PCT CHG	1	9	1

Monthly Cold Storage Report

(In Units of 1,000)

	REVISED - A		-B-	
	Feb-28 2001	Feb-28 2002	Mar-31 2001	Mar-31 2002
FROZEN EGGS:				
Whites	2,985	2,204	2,242	1,565
Yolks	1,127	1,036	879	877
Whole & Mixed	10,339	7,282	9,851	6,268
Unclassified	1,017	3,383	1,629	2,944
Total Frozen Eggs	15,468	13,905	14,601	11,654

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 13-Apr-02

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	19.5	17.9	9	-39
BOSTON	3.6	3.6	0	-12
CHICAGO	45.1	44.9	0	-50
DETROIT	24.7	19.8	25	-27
KANSAS CITY	4.1	7.0	-41	-63
LOS ANGELES	85.0	73.5	16	-31
NEW ORLEANS	14.2	11.9	19	45
NEW YORK	31.9	30.9	3	-22
ST. LOUIS	23.1	17.1	35	2
SAN FRANCISCO	20.2	20.9	-3	-43
TOTAL	271.4	247.5	10	-33
4 WK MVG AVG	314.7			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 13-Apr-02

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	226.9	-1	2
E.N. CENTRAL	501.9	1	-10
W.N. CENTRAL	268.1	9	-13
S. ATLANTIC	171.5	-6	-14
S. CENTRAL	79.4	-5	-3
WEST	178.5	-1	-19
TOTAL	1426.3	1	-10
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		89	88

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPOR

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PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	105	94	82	58
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	98-102	86-91	75-79	51-55
MOSTLY	100-101	89-90	77-78	53-54
RHODE ISLAND	104-108	93-97	81-85	57-61
MOSTLY	104	93	81	57
VERMONT	110	95-99	85-87	-
MOSTLY	-	99	87	-

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